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SUBJECT: ARAB LABOR CONFERENCE SUPPORTING PALESTINIANS

REF: TRIPOLI 1221

1. ADD EGYPTIANS TO LIST OF PARTICIPANTS IN SUBJECT CONFERENCE. EGYPTIAN LABOR FEDERATION SOURCE INFORMED LRO SEPT. 22 THAT IT HAS DECIDED TO ACCEPT INVITATION TO ATTEND. HIGH LEVEL DELEGATION LED BY EFL VP SAYYED ZEFTAWI AND INCLUDING SECY FOR INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS HASSAN EID, ASST. SECY GEN ABDUL RAHMAN KHIDR, AND MOHAMED SIMAN OF WAR PRODUCTION WORKERS UNION WILL LEAVE CAIRO OCTOBER 2. AHMED BULTIYYA, TRAVELLING SEPARATELY AND IN STRICTLY ICATU CAPACITY MAY ALSO BE ON HAND.

2. SOURCE MADE IT CLEAR THAT VENUE IS NOT IDEAL FROM EGYPTIAN CONFIDENTIAL

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VIEWPOINT BUT POINTED OUT THAT HOOK OF SUPPORT FOR PALESTINIANS CAPABLE OF PULLING EGYPTIANS JUST ABOUT ANYWHERE. AS FAR AS LIBYA CONCERNED, EFL HAS STRESSED TO PRIMIN SALIM ITS FIRM BELIEF THAT A BREAK IN RELATIONS WOULD DESTROY CHANCES

FOR DIALOGUE AND THAT I MORE PRUDENT FOR THE FUTURE TO LEAVE
DOOR TO TRIPOLI OPEN AT LEAST A CRACK.

3. EGYPTIANS BELIEVE CONFERENCE LIKELY TO BE FAIRLY FRATERNAL
AND THAT IT WILL MAKE DISTINCTION BETWEEN POLICIES OF SPECIFIC
GOVERNMENTS, SUCH AS POTENTIAL FLAK-CATCHER SYRIA, AND BROTHER
WORKERS. FOR SAME REASON, THEY DO NOT EXPECT SERIOUS TROUBLE
FROM LIBYANS. ADDITIONALLY, GOE ATTITUDE TOWARDS PALESTINIANS
MANIFESTLY CORRECT. US LIKELY TO COME IN FOR USUAL DOSE OF
ABUSE. LRO WAS ASSURED, HOWEVER, THAT PRO-WESTERN ZEFTAWI WILL
DO WHAT HE CAN TO SOFTEN TONE OF RESOLUTIONS.

4. FOR BERLIN: EGYPTIAN OBLIGATIONS TO SOLIDARITY WITH PAL-
ESTINIAN WILL SUPPOSEDLY FORCE THEM TO ATTEND SIMILARE CON-
FERENCE GDR SAID TO BE HOSTING IN KARL MARX STADT IN LATE
OCTOBER. WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY BACKGROUND YOU OR OTHER
ADDRESSEES CAN PROVIDE.
MATTHEWS

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